

came out for the month of April, and it is something that ought to be banner headlines in all the newspapers. I will report them.

In April, 185,000 illegal immigrants entered the United States. Sometimes people talk about the number of contacts we have; some of the people turned around. Madam Speaker, 185,000, that is up from 152,000 in March. It is 185,000 this April; 66,000 last April; and two Aprils ago, under a different administration, it was under 6,000.

Let me repeat: In April 2020, 5,700 people entered the country, and we didn't know exactly who they were; last April, 66,000; now, 185,000.

In there, we have 8,600 unaccompanied children. People want to worry about families being broken up, that they will send them somewhere in the United States. But 8,600 children entered the country unaccompanied.

In any event, if we have any newspaper people listening, they ought to report this as the banner headline tomorrow.

CHAOS AT THE BORDER

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, a country without borders might as well just not be a country.

The chaos that this current Biden border policy is causing is damaging American families, American schools, and American healthcare, and it is not even good for the so-called immigrants themselves.

Witness the way children are used and abused in order to get people across the border to please the cartels, to pay off the cartels. Kids are rented, rented out by families. To get a fake family group across the border, kids are often left by the river—children left by the river when they are done with them and recycled back across like you would an empty pop bottle.

Is this the kind of humanity this administration is about? It certainly isn't for us on this side of the aisle.

We need to enforce our border. We need to continue building the fence so it is effective for our border personnel to be able to process ones that really are coming here on what would be true asylum.

Asylum laws need to be changed because they have been made a joke. Indeed, some of the newest cases won't be heard until 2024. There is such a backlog.

REMEMBERING STAN STRICKLAND

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of the father of the praline and Sa-

vannah's Candy Kitchen founder, Stan Strickland.

Stan became nothing short of an industry in the Savannah community with the founding of River Street Sweets and Savannah's Candy Kitchen 40 years ago.

Savannah's waterfront is a staple of the city. River Street Sweets has been a major part of the waterfront for many years.

Stan brought the joy of candy and an unforgettable experience to anyone and everyone who had the pleasure of visiting his business. Savannah's Candy Kitchen has become a major brand across the Southeast, with stores in both Atlanta and Nashville as well.

Stan was also an avid fisherman with a deep passion and love for the fish of the sea. It was even rumored that he had been a fishing partner of the great Ernest Hemingway. His competitive nature and his love for the sport led to his relentless pursuit of every sport fish in the ocean.

This is truly a great loss for the Savannah community, and I pray that the Lord be with Stan's family and his many friends.

FEELING THE IMPACTS IN TEXAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) is recognized until 10 p.m. as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL), my neighbor.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHINA

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I thank my good friend from Texas for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the continued death of freedom and personal rights occurring in greater China.

Last week, Cardinal Joseph Zen, 90 years old, the former cardinal from Hong Kong, was arrested by the Chinese Communist Party in Hong Kong for speaking out for democracy.

This arrest threatens the fundamental freedoms of all individuals with the courage to speak out against the Chinese Communist Party by demonstrating the extent of the regime's aggression, threatening these advocates with life in prison or worse.

For years, Cardinal Zen has advocated for democracy and religious freedom for the Chinese people. I have had the opportunity to meet with Cardinal Zen and have heard his pleas for freedom and advocacy for citizens in Hong Kong and Roman Catholics in China.

Next week, we will recognize a week of global prayer for China. During the week, we will pray for all suffering under the Chinese regime, including Cardinal Zen.

I urge my colleagues to take a moment to pray for religious tolerance and individual rights, to pray for a bright and safe future for the Chinese people, a future without persecution, a future with the fundamental freedoms we all deserve.

We must keep Cardinal Zen and the other brave individuals advocating for freedoms that we enjoy here today and every day in our prayers today, tomorrow, next week, and until the Chinese people are no longer under the boot of Communist persecution.

PRESERVING PEACE AND STABILITY IN TAIWAN

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of my legislation that I have introduced with the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN).

Our bill, H.R. 7704, the Taiwan Conflict Deterrence Act, is a necessary step to help deter the Chinese aggression or the potential aggression, I think we should all hope, against Taiwan.

In 1979, Congress passed the Taiwan Relations Act to preserve and promote a close relationship between the United States and Taiwan. For 43 years, the United States has been committed to the preservation of human rights, peace, and stability for the people on the island of Taiwan.

Unfortunately, the Chinese Communist Party has been growing more comfortable in taking coercive and aggressive actions toward Taiwan.

Our bill will ensure that the financial consequences for CCP officials and their immediate family members are immediate if they are tempted to get any ideas from their brutal, repressive, murderous friends in Russia.

Under my bill, if the President reports to Congress any threat to the security or social or economic system of Taiwan made by China, as required under the 1979 act, the Treasury will report on all illicit and corrupt assets of senior CCP officials and their immediate family members and will take steps to prohibit these officials from benefiting from these funds at U.S. financial institutions.

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We cannot risk any lack of clarity regarding the U.S. commitment to Taiwan. Aspiring global strongmen must know personal consequences are in store for any aggressive behavior.

Madam Speaker, I urge quick consideration and adoption of our bill, the Taiwan Conflict Deterrence Act.

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Arkansas for his comments and for his tireless commitment to pointing out the atrocities in China; our needs and interests in making sure that we stand with the people of Taiwan and stand strong in the globe and stand up as a strong country.

I would note, as we sit here today, that we had a number of issues that are of paramount importance to the American people. One of which, of course, being from the State of Texas, is the state of our border.

Today, official numbers came out from Border Patrol that there were 234,088 encounters in April. Of those, some 96,908 were turned away under so-called title 42 of our health code. But what that means is that at least 137,180 were released into the United States, and perhaps more.